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FOLLOWING IS [ ] NEW YORK TIMES:

A MILITARY JUNTA WITH DICTATORIAL POWERS IS RULING GREECE, APPARENTLY AGAINST THE WILL OF KING CONSTANTINE. PARA ACCORDING TO RELIABLE SOURCES, THE KING HAS REFUSED TO SIGN A DECREE DECLARING A STATE OF SIEGE AND SUSPENDING A BROAD RANGE OF CONSITUTIONAL GUARANTEES, ALTHOUGH THE JUNTA PUT IT INTO EFFECT WHEN IT SEIZED THE REINS OF GOVERNMENT YESTERDAY MORNING. IT ANNOUNCED THAT THE KING HAS SIGNED IT PARA TODAY ATHENS IS CLAM, AND THE SAME IS REPORTED TO BE TRUE FOR THE REST OF THE COUJTRY. THE NIGHTIME CURFEW, WHICH WAS PUNCTUATED BY SPORADIC SMALL-ARMS FIRE, WAS LIFTED TODAY. IT IS NOT RPT NOT KNOWN WHETHER LAST NIGHTS FIRING RESULTED IN CASUALTIES PARA

EXPERIENCED OBSERVERS ATTRIBUTE THE CALM MORE TO FEAR, SHOCK AND AWE AT THE EFFICIENCY OF THE COUP THAN TO POPULAR ACCEPTANCE OF THE NEW REGIME CONSTANTINE KOLLIAS, FORMER CHIEF PROSECUTOR OF THE GREEK SUPREME COURT, IS PREMIER, BUT REAL POWER IS THOUGH TO BE WIELDED BY A GROUP OF FIELD-GRADE OFFICERS OF LESS THAN GENERAL RANK. PARA
THE MOST POWERFUL FIGURES IN GREECE TODAY ARE THOUGH TO BE BRIGADIER STYLIANOS PATAKOS, MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR AND SECURITY, AND COL. GEORGE PAPADOPOULOS, MINISTER IN CHARGE OF THE PREMIERS OFFICE. PARA
THEY ARE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN AT THE HEAD OF A GROUP OF OFFICERS WHO ENTERED THE ROYAL PALACE AT TATOI, 16 RPT 16 MILES FROM HERE, EARLY FRIDAY MORNING IN PRESENT THE KING WITH THE DECREE HE HAS NOT SIGNED. THEY ARRESTED CONSTANTINES PERSONAL SECRETARY, MICHAEL ARNAOUTIS. PARA

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THE 24 RPT 24 YEAR OLD KING REFUSED TO ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS WITH THE OFFICERS UNTIL MR. ARNAOUTIS WAS FREED. LATER IN THE MORNING, THE MONARCH WAS CONDUCTED TO THE DEFENSE MINISTRY BY GEN. GREGORIOS SPANDIDAKIS, CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ARMY. PARA
RELIABLE SOURCES REPORTED THAT THE KING AGAIN REFUSED TO SIGN THE DECREE AND SOUGHT, TO NO RPT NO AVAIL, TO PERSUADE THE HIGHEST-RANKING OFFICERS TO RESIST THE TAKE-OVER BY THE JUNTA. CONSTANTINE IS SAID TO HAVE REFUSED TO CONFER WITH THE JUNTA UNTIL THEY PRODUCED MR. ARNAOUTIS. HIS AIDE WAS THEN USHERED INTO THE ROOM, BUT STILL AS A PRISONER. PARA
TODAY HE WAS REPORTED TOO HAVE BEEN FREED, TOGETHER WITH PANAYOTIS KANELLOPOULOS, THE DEPOSED PREMIER. IN THE ENSUING DISCUSSION, THE JUNTA IS SAID TO HAVE MADE A MAJOR CONCESSION TO THE KING BY ACCEPTING HIS DEMAND THAT A CIVILIAN BE NAMED PREMIER. PARA
A GOVERNMENT WAS SWORN IN LAST NIGHT WITH THE KING IN ATTENDANCE. SO FAR, ONLY FOUR OFFICERS AND MR. KOLLIAS HOLD CABINET POSTS. INFORMED SOURCES BELIEVE THAT THE JUNTA HAS SO FAR FAILED TO PERSUADE OTHER CIVILIANS TO JOIN THE REGIME AND MAY EVENTUALLY BE FORCED TO COMPLETE IF FROM THE RANKS OF THE MILITARY. PARA
THE GOVERNMENTS PRONOUNCEMENTS SO FAR--A DECLARATION OF GOALS AND STATEMENTS BROADCAST BY THE GOVERNMENT RADIO--HAVE IMPRESSED OBSERVERS WITH DEEP CONTEMPT FOR POLITICAL DEMOCRACY, MILITANT NATIONALISM THAT SOME CHARACTERIZE AS CHAUVINISTIC. THE RADIO STATIONS HAVE REPEATEDLY BROADCAST SUCH SLOGANS AS: PARA
"LET THE FLOWERS OF REGENERATION BLOOM OUT OF THE DEBRIS OF THE REGIME OF FALSEHOOD." PARA
"DEMOCRACY UNPOLLUTED BY FORIGN IDEOLOGIES AND PROPAGANDA, GREEKS, PURE AND OF A SUPERB RACE." PARA
"NITY, WORK, PEACE, PROGRESS." PARA
"OUR AIM IS THE EQUAL DISTRIBUTION OF NATIONAL WEALTH." PARA
THE GOVERNMENTS PROGRAM COMBINES DISTRUCT OF ALL EXISTING POLITICAL PARTIES WITH A STRONG APPEAL TO THE GREEK MASSES. IN HIS SPEECH TO THE NATION, PREMIER KOLLIAS DECLARED: PARA
"WE BELONG TO NO RPT NO POLITICAL PARTY AND ARE NOT RPT NOT PREPARED TO FAVOR ONE POLITICAL CAMP AT THE EXPSNSE OF THE OTHER. NOR DO WE BELONG TO THE ECONOMIC OLIGARCHY, WHICH WE SHALL NOT RPT NOT PERMIT TO CAUSE POVERTY. WE BELONG TO THE CLASS OF TOILING MEN AND WE SHALL STAND BESIDE OUR IMPOVERISHED GREEK BRETHEREN. PARA
"WE PROCLAIM BROTHERHOOD. FROM THIS MOMENT THERE ARE NO RPT NO RIGHTISTS, NO RPT NO CENTRISTS, NO RPT NO LEFTISTS. THERE ARE ONLY GREEKS WHO BELIEVE IN GREECE AND IN A NOBLE

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LOFTY AND FULL IDEAL OF GENUINE DEMOCRACY, NOT RPT NOT DEMOCRACY OF THE RABBLE." PARA
ALTHOUGH MR KANELLOPOULOS HAS BEEN FREED, MOST OF THE LESS CONSERVATIVE LEADERS OF GREEK POLITICS, INCLUDING FORMER PREMIER GEORGE PAPANDREOU AND HIS SON, ANDREAS, REMAIN UNDER ARREST. AND ALTHOUGH THE CURFEW HAS BEEN LIFTED AND ATHENS AIRPORT REOPENED TO FOREIGN FLIGHTS, MANY RESTRICTIONS REMAIN IN EFFECT NO RPT NO NEWSPAPERS HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED SINCE THE COUP, AND TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH CONNECTIONS WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY BLACKED OUT. THE DECREE SUSPENDING CIVIL LIBERTIES INCLUDES ALL THE POLITICAL RIGHTS THE CONSTITUTION ALLOWS THE KING TO SUSPEND IN TIME OF TROUBLE. PARA

IT APPEARS TO GO BEYOND THE CONSTITUTION IN SUSPENDING ALSO A GUARANTEE NOT RPT NOT INCLUDED IN THAT CATEGORY. THAT IS ARTICLE 18 RPT 18, BARRING THE DEATH PENALTY FOR POLITICAL OFFENSES. PARA
THE UNITED STATES HAS EXPRESSED TO THE NEW GOVERNMENT ITS CONCERN OVER THE SAFETY OF THE POLITICAL LEADERS ARRESTED IN THE COUP AND HAS RECEIVED ASSURANCES THAT NO RPT NO HARM HAS BEEN DONE TO THEM.. SOME DETAILS OF THE ARRESTS EARLY YESTERDAY MORNING HAVE NOW BEEN DISCLOSED BY INFORMED SOURCES. PARA
MR. KANELLOPOULOS TOLD THE TROOPS WHO CAME TO HIS APARTMENT IN THE HEART OF ATHENS TO ARREST HIM FOR WHAT THEY CALLED HIS PERSONAL SAFETY THAT HE DID NOT RPT NOT NEED PROTECTION. THE DOOR TO HIS APARTMENT WAS THEN FORCED OPEN, HE WAS MADE TO DRESS AND PUSHED INTO A MILITARY CAR WHEN HE REFUSED TO BE DRIVEN IN HIS OWN. PARA

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